

Persons Responsible For
Pesticide Contamination At
United Heckathorn Site

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File
United
Heckathorn*

A. Owners of Property at Time of Release of Hazardous Waste

(1) Parr-Richmond Related Entities:

- (a) Parr Richmond Terminal Company
- (b) Parr Richmond Industrial Corporation
- (c) Parr Richmond Railroad Company

(2) Parr-Richmond Terminal Company

- (a) appears to have been owner of former United Heckathorn site in late 50's and early 60's
- (b) dissolved in 1981; no successor; shareholders may be sued as well as corporation on claims against dissolved corporation. [Corp. Code §2010, 2011]
- (c) do not know who shareholders at time of dissolution were but documents from Secretary of State indicate shareholders in 1965 included John Parr Cox and Fred Cox
- (d) Officers and Directors at time of dissolution were:

DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

John Parr Cox

President, Chief
Executive and Financial
Officer

Rosemary McCormick

Secretary

Rob Nishioka

Janis J. Cox

(3) Parr Richmond Industrial Corporation

- (a) appears to have transferred former United Heckathorn site to Parr Richmond Terminal Company in mid 1950's. Ratcliff's June 6, 1983 letter states that United Heckathorn Company took over



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lease of land from Parr Industrial Corporation and "received bulk DDT by rail, ground, mixed and bagged it and delivered it to the armed forces until 1954"

(b) present status of corporation is unknown

(4) Parr Richmond Railroad Company

(a) probably owned and/or operated the railroad loading and unloading facilities next to the United Heckathorn building which was used to transport pesticides

(b) present status of corporation unknown

B. Operators, Pesticide Companies and Generators of Pesticides

(1) Companies involved:

(a) Universal Pigment and ~~Paint~~ ^{Chemical} Company

(b) R. J. Prentice Company

(c) The Heckathorn Company [United Heckathorn]

(d) United Heckathorn of Blythe

(e) Chemwest, Incorporated

(f) Ivor Stokes

(2) Universal Pigment and Paint Company

(a) January 23, 1952 Bureau of Fish Conservation memo indicates Universal may have contributed to water pollution in Lauritzen Channel. Document indicates Universal produced napalm under defense contract at an "industrial plant" and that the pollutant was "naphthemic acid"

(b) Secretary of State has no record of Universal Pigment and Paint Company

(3) R. J. Prentice Company

(a) Ratcliff's June 6, 1983 letter states that this company leased property from Parr Industrial Company. Apparently, its local representative Eugene S. Heckathorn and his company, the

Heckathorn Company, took over the R. J. Prentice Lease

- (b) the Secretary of State had no records on the R. J. Prentice Company
- (4) The Heckathorn Company [United Heckathorn]
 - (a) Ratcliff's June 6, 1983 letter indicates The Heckathorn Company was run by Eugene S. Heckathorn and that The Heckathorn Company took over the lease of R. J. Prentice Company and "continued" to operate the business of grinding, mixing and bagging DDT
 - (b) The Secretary of State has no records on either United Heckathorn or The Heckathorn Company
 - (c) Resolution of Board of Directors of United Heckathorn dated March 4, 1958 indicates it is a California corporation and that it authorized United Heckathorn of Blythe to use that name
 - (d) Parr Richmond was responsible for bringing United Heckathorn to Richmond in its History of its development of Parr Richmond.
 - (e) Eugene S. Heckathorn is dead
- (5) United Heckathorn of Blythe
 - (a) Articles of Incorporation filed on March 17, 1958. Primary business stated to be "manufacturing, distribution and sale of agricultural and industrial chemical fertilizers". Incorporating directors were E. S. Heckathorn, L. R. Moriatti and Ivor R. Burden
 - (b) corporation wound up in 1965. Its majority shareholder at that time was Chemwest, Incorporated. Other shareholders not known. Ivor R. Burden was President and Robert J. Cardinale was Secretary/Treasurer at time of dissolution
 - (c) Chemwest Incorporated may have purchased assets and assumed liabilities of United Heckathorn of Blythe
 - (d) Potential individual parties or witnesses include:

- Alex Heckathorn (a son of Eugene S. Heckathorn)
- an attorney in Richmond - 237-8190
- Peter Heckathorn (a son of Eugene S. Heckathorn) - 895-1600
- Ivor R. Burden, 109 Toledo Drive, Aptos, California, 95003
- Elwood George "Trimp" Trimpey Stauffer Chemical Company de Guirque Technical Center
Home address: 3134 Maryola Court,
Lafayette, Court, California 94549

(6) Chemwest Incorporated

- (a) may have purchased assets and assumed liabilities of United Heckathorn of Blythe. Robert J. Cardinale was Secretary/Treasurer of Chemwest Incorporated when he was also Secretary/Treasurer of United Heckathorn of Blythe
- (b) Secretary of State had no record of Chemwest Incorporated

(7) Ivor Stokes

- (a) may have purchased either Chemwest Incorporated or United Heckathorn. Information on this company very sketchy.

C. Transporters

(1) Potentially Involved Companies

- (a) Southern Pacific Railroad Company
- (b) Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company
- (c) The California, Arizona and Santa Fe Railway Company

- (2) Documents indicate conveyances of land to these transporters. These transporters may have handled pesticides shipped by operators/generators